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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

Sir:

In response to the examiner's action, the following comments and amended claims are in order:

REMARKS

Perhaps some history behind applicant's invention should be detailed in view of the examiner's obviousness rejection that it would be obvious to move conventional low level rear stop lights and turn signals adjacent to the top of a semi-trailer or trailer.

Prior to first meeting and engaging the undersigned attorney, the applicant (he is an airline pilot by profession) spent considerable time at the Patent and Trademark Office searching for his invention. In addition, he spent considerable time at the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA) researching for truck accident and safety statistics and for any high mounted brake or turn signal lights. In speaking with individuals at NHTSA, he could not locate any references to his invention or individuals who had knowledge of high mounted brake lights or turn signals.